



State of Delaware
Homeland Security Advisory Council
(HSAC)

Minutes

04/20/2017

0900-1100

Public Safety Building
Main Conference Room
303 Transportation Circle
Dover DE 19901

1. PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions

- **Secretary Robert Coupe, Chair** called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum of members was present at 9:00 am. Chair Coupe requested that everyone introduce themselves. Those in attendance were as follows

- **Voting Council Members**

Secretary Robert Coupe	Department of Safety & Homeland Security - Chair
Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – Co-Chair
Drew Aydelotte	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police
Elayne Starkey, CSO	Department of Technology & Information
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr.	Department of Transportation/TMC
Colonel Richard Arroyo	Delaware River & Bay Authority, Chief of Police
Steven Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health, Section Chief
Director A. J. Schall	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Warren Jones, EM	Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association

Chief Robert Legates	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Michael McLean, Security	Amtrak, Regional Emergency Mgr. & Corporate
Mayor Donald Tinari	Delaware League of Local Governments

Non-voting Attendees

Council Support

Major Daniel Meadows	Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC
Captain William Crotty	Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC

Council Legal Staff

DAG Lisa Morris	Department of Justice, Civil Division
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Federal, State & Local Partners Non-voting Attendees

Ken Greeson	Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland Security
Lt. Tim Hulings	Delaware Information & Analysis Center/DSP
Joseph Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG)
Mike Fields	Delaware National Guard
Perry Phelps, Comm.	Department of Corrections
Colonel Rick Arroyo	Delaware Bay & Bridge Authority (DRBA)
Michael Mendoza	Dover Air Force Base
M/Cpl. Timothy Kerstetter	Delaware State Police
Trevor Wilson	DIAC
SSA James S. Markley	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)/Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
Marvin Mailey	Dover Police Department
Heather L. Hirst	State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture

Chairman Coupe

2. Approval of Minutes

- Secretary Coupe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Colonel Arroyo and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

Ray Holcomb welcomes everyone to the meeting.

- **DIAC**

Captain Bill Crotty provided a briefing regarding, ramming vehicle style attacks. There have been 9 recent attacks within the calendar year, 66 % of these have involved high pedestrian areas. Other tactics being utilized are using stolen or rented vehicles and personally born improvised explosive device (IED) attacks. Some of the recent attacks took place in Russia against a German soccer team prior to a tournament and at a department store in Sweden. Focus has shifted to countries where terrorists originate, such as the “Stans” or Southeastern European countries, as well as Pakistan. Looking at attacks like this, we need to look at discipline response preparedness levels and tailoring our outreach to address the tactics displayed in recent attacks; and also high pedestrian areas such as the boardwalks at the beach with the upcoming summer season and mass transits facilities such as Amtrak and Dart buses. We also need to be concerned with box trucks, and our response capabilities at large events such as the upcoming Dover Downs NASCAR and Firefly.

FBI

One of our biggest threats in the last 12-18 months are the self-radicalized individuals. This involves young adult’s approximately age 17-30 and access to internet propaganda. They are accessing propaganda videos focused on racialization and instructions on how

to produce IEDS. Approximately 2-3 arrests in the United States are being made monthly. We are continuing to monitor this daily.

DHS made a statement related to Bill Crotty's briefing, that we need to look at the lifecycle of the ramming case attacks (staging, different types of weapons) security at hospitals, triage medical care and high density areas that could be at risk of attack. We are especially looking at the more complex attacks, like the recent tragedy in Paris with many different tactics employed resulting in multiple injuries from blast, shrapnel, gunshot, crowd stampede, and fire.

Ray Holcomb asked a question regarding intelligence concerning about Al Qaida and ISIS getting together? Is there much truth to that? Nothing in reports showing that would happen. The personalities leading Al Qaida and ISIS have always had a toxic relationship, it would be difficult, and they have different targeting methodologies and different focus areas. We need to look at priorities, what is coming next at strategies. There could be a major change in future leadership of these organizations. A merger is not out of the question. We'll wait and see but keep a close eye on it.

Ray Holcomb and Trevor Wilson strongly encourages members to read the newsletter that the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) publishes on a weekly and bi-weekly basis. It presents a very good worldwide picture of terrorism threat as it evolves.

Discussion on the Montgomery Model

Secretary Coupe mentioned a 30 minute briefing from Dr. Michael Williams regarding the Montgomery model, an outreach model in Montgomery County, Maryland that

tackles the radicalization problem. An open forum for people attending the schools for training. He will reach out for more information and research more about this program.

Major Meadows

Having the resources and procedures for the early identification of a radicalization problem a significant part of counteracting, self-radicalization. Terrorists have been targeting the Jewish community so it is critical that a close working relationship be maintained with that community as well as the Muslim community which can see itself as a victim and subject to ethnic and religious bias. It is very important to Delaware and its people that outreach efforts are continuous and effective.

Delaware State Police

Master Corporal Kerstetter summarized Delaware State Police: Violent Intruder Preparedness Response (VIPER) has presented VIPR training to 2,025 law enforcement officers since the beginning of 2016 and that he has given emerging threat briefings to 2,575 individuals over the same period of time. Below is the tally for Delawareans trained/briefed:

VIPR STATISTICS (January 2016 - March 2017)

YEAR	SESSIONS	# TRAINED
2016	29	1300 (1 instructor)
2017	13	725 (5 instructors)
Total:	42	2,025

Hometown Security / Emerging Threats Briefing (January 2016 - March 2017)

YEAR	SESSIONS	# TRAINED
2016	70	1650
2017	13	925

Delaware River Bay Authority

Richard Arroyo spoke about the North bound license readers at the Delaware Memorial Bridge. He advised that the readers, will be up and running by the end of May. There are security precautions being taken with peak season arriving at the ferry and the parking lots. Measures such as inspecting trunks, using mirrors and dogs for extra scrutiny and placing armed officers aboard the ferries are or will be in place. He would like to have a uniformed and plain clothes officer on each ferry trip.

Lisa Morris- Nothing on any legal issues

AJ Schall

AJ Schall discussed Clearinghouse grants and having a working group meeting with disciplines receiving Homeland Security funds. Overall grant funds for 2015 are nearly spent. There is 25% left of the 3.7 Million received for 2016. The notice of funding for 2017 should be issued soon. Just tapping into the Clearinghouse grant that was funded about two months ago. Funds have been applied towards Hazmat, helping support DNREC's mobile transport, and various types of training. Also, DEMA is reaching out to the disciplines regarding such things as Body Armor, Law Enforcement needs in general and UAV training. In regard to UAVs DEMA has jumped on board with training, building an infrastructure to train and properly use UAVs, but has not purchased any as yet. After a Blueprint budget was presented, funding maybe cut or divided and he is not sure how this will affect us. DEMA recently had a Water Contamination Drill in

Wilmington. This was one of the biggest exercises yet with over 50+ in attendance. It drew a lot of attention due to recent problems like the Flint Michigan water crisis. DEMA will be participating in various other upcoming training events and will also be supporting the upcoming Aircraft Emergency Exercise in August of 2017 at the Dover Air Force Base Airshow. An Audit was recently performed with a great outcome, a few changes to make but nothing major. Great news; that the auditors took six of our policies and procedures to use as a model for other agencies.

Discussion of Drones:

A.J Schall: Dwayne Day really made the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles program get started and kept the ball rolling. AJ stated there is mandatory training for operating the drones, there is a 120 hr. class, and the State of Delaware has a team ready to assist at any time.

Gene Donaldson: Drones have been a great tool for DelDOT. There are safety issues and they must be used within guidelines. The cost is reasonable and once there are a sufficient number of trained personnel the expectation is that we will be in a position to provide regional help to our neighbors. Some examples of drone use were, the highway 301 construction project and traffic engineering. Secretary Coupe and Gene Donaldson discussed video storage, this is something they are working on, along with privacy issues, secure extranet, password protection and having all necessary policies in place. Right now, DelDOT offers a 72 hour retention period. There will be further discussion at the next meeting, about how video images are transmitted and are viewed for major events.

Public Health

Steve Blessing discussed the continued problem of Opioid's in Delaware. Public Health has had some staffing changes and is working on Grant strategies. Public Health will also be ready for the Air Show in August at Dover Air Force Base; working on mass casualty

issues, hospital readiness and patient tracking. There has also been an approximate 2 year time frame for working on a written plan with 13 other divisions, and all divisions are on board. Now there is a better understanding of each organizations capabilities.

Heather Hirst

Avian Flu has been a large concern. There were two farms in Tennessee affected by a North American strain and it led to a total of 175,000 birds being put down, this incident is nearly closed, but we are suffering from export bans that effect the economy of Delmarva. (Bans normally last 90 days) All countries have their own rules when it comes to banning chicken, it can be a state, county or entire country which acts and has a big impact. The newest strain is coming from China H7N9 an Asian strain, circulating since 2013. A strain that the CDC is very concerned about and considers this a moderate-high pandemic risk. There is a death rate of 30 to 40% for people that come in contact with the strain. Since 2013, there have been about 1,200 cases recorded. In 1918, there were was an Epidemic in Spain with a significant death rate of 20-50 million people worldwide. The concern is, with as much as society and animals travel all over, a risk factor of someone traveling from China could carry this to the United States. Also, migratory birds could possibly being affected and spread the disease to other local birds.

Elayne Starkey

Elayne discussed the Cyber Security Breach, this was a vendor supported application that breached approximate 200,000 Delaware social security numbers but did not compromise state infrastructure. Everyone effected was sent an email or hard copy letter regarding the breach and it is being looked at now and preventive measures are being taken to keep this from happening again. Credit monitoring from all three credit agencies Equifax,

Transunion and Experian will monitor everyone who was effected. Delaware's recently purchased Cyber security insurance will allow Delaware's people effected to be monitored for 3 years. A discussion took place on why we still use social security numbers to job search and what other measures could be used to prevent this type of thing from happening again. A unique training event: Cybersecurity & Cyber Incident Awareness training, Knowing Yourself and Knowing the Enemy will be taking place On Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. at the Dover Fire School. A flyer with the information will be sent out.

League of Local Governments

Joseph Hughes stated they have been working with Cyber Security workshops as well as Division of Communications to be replace radios for Law Enforcement and Public works personnel.

Dover Air Force Base

Mike Mendoza briefed the base has been in Force Protection Condition (FPCON) Bravo beginning in 2014. This is expected to continue with the emergence of ISIS and its continued control of regions inside Syria and Iraq. Also, with all of the shootings at various military installation, that have taken place over recent years, such as the Chattanooga Recruiting Center and Fort Hood, Washington D.C. Naval Yard, and Fort Hood II. The National Defense Act and DoD policy have been changed to employ multiple selective arming options to mitigate an active shooter threat. Dover Air Force base has implemented three selective arming initiatives; (1) Security Forces staff arming, (2) Unit Marshal Program (use of non LE personnel) employed in areas such as the hospital, high population centers, and (3) Law Enforcement Safety Act; (allowing concealed carry with a privately owned firearm into federal buildings on

Dover AFB). The base will host an Open House/Air show the last weekend of August (26 & 27), with an estimated 75,000 to 100,000 people projected to attend. Lastly, the base is in the process of replacing the vehicle barriers at all base entry gates; one gate will be closed at a time and this project will be approximately a 6 month process.

Upcoming Events announced

Dover Police Department along with Capitol Police will monitor an upcoming rally on May 11 at 10:00 am beginning at Legislative Hall and ending at the Governor's Mansion for a small speech and protest.

There will be a meeting through Department of Justice, Community Relations regarding the Jewish Community and its concerns on May 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Regarding the 2017 Hometown Security Conference- July 26 and July 2017 are the dates. Details are still being finalized but it will be held at the Polytech Conference Center.

Ray Holcomb stated that he would like to thank everyone for coming and ask for everyone to revisit Our Homeland Security Strategies document. To please, look at the threat wheel he has presented today and really think about and share any thoughts or, threat concerns, and threat priorities to discuss at the next meeting. Is there anything on the threat wheel that needs to be changed or updated? Is it current? What should we in Delaware be focusing on?

Chairman Coupe thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned following a motion made by Secretary Robert Coupe that was seconded by Gene Donaldson and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance at 10:46 am.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Public Safety Building

Large 2nd Floor Conference Room